



Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs was born in 1977 in St. Paul, MN. He is a member of the Stockbridge-Munsee Mohican Nation, an American Indian tribe located in central Wisconsin. He has degrees in Pastoral Studies and Christian Theology and has served various churches as youth minister, adult Christian educator, and director of Men's Ministries. He is a cultural facilitator in the Twin Cities and works to raise the public's awareness of American Indian causes and injustices. He is a convener of "Healing Minnesota Stories," a committee dedicated to creating events of dialogue and education particularly within faith communities. He presently lives in Coon Rapids with his wife Susan and three (soon to be four) young children.

Friday, Oct. 20	Agenda (Tentative)	Location
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Workshop – History & Governance of UCC – Rev. Dr. Martha Brunell	St. John's UCC - Collinsville
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Workshop – Understanding Personalities through Enneagrams – Dr. Jill Baker	St. John's UCC - Collinsville
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Boundaries – Why Do We Need Them - Rev. Shana Johnson	St. John's UCC - Collinsville
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Storytelling in Worship – Jim Bear Jacobs	St. John's UCC - Collinsville
Saturday, Oct. 21	Agenda	Location
7:30 am	Registration & Breakfast	Gateway Convention Ctr - Collinsville
7:30 am – 4:00 pm	MarketPlace Open	Gateway Convention Ctr Lobby
8:30 am	Gathering Music Morning Worship Offering for New Athens & Hitz Homes Presentation by Deaconess Foundation	Gateway Convention Center Rev. Starsky Wilson
9:45 am	Plenary #1 Introduction – Regions/Nominees/Staff/Guests/new Clergy Treasurer's Report Introduction of Bylaws/Restructuring Changes Presentation of 2017 Proposed Budget DuBois Center Report Ecuador Report General Synod Report Presentation to call Rev. Shana Johnson as Conference Minister	Gateway Convention Center
11:45 am	Lunch Pastors' and Churches' Anniversary & Retirement Recognitions	Gateway Convention Center
1:00 pm	Plenary # 2 – Noisy Offering for Ecuador Partnership Collection of Blessings in Blocks cards/donations Vote on 2017 Proposed Budget Vote on Bylaws/Restructuring Elections Courage in Community: Conference Minister Report Vote to Call Rev. Shana Johnson as Conference Minister	Gateway Convention Center
3:30 pm	Closing Worship with Installations	Gateway Convention Center
4:30 pm	Heading Home	